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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/891,501-Conf. #8796
	Filing Date	June 27, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Jun Akikusa
	Art Unit	1745
	Examiner Name	R. Alejandro
	Attorney Docket No.	SHG-0047

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Other Declaration of Inventor, English Translation of JP 2000-193750

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-0013

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

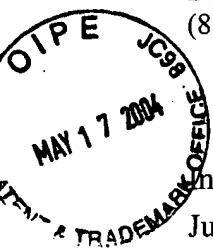
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the final Office Action mailed June 23, 2003, the Advisory Actions mailed October 9, 2003 and December 14, 2003, submitted concurrently with a Petition for a 4 month extension of time pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed November 24, 2003 and submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the following submissions and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Attached to this paper is a Declaration from the inventor, Mr. Jun Akisusa for the examiner's consideration. Also attached to this paper is an English language translation of the Japanese reference, JP 2000-193750 supplied by the inventor for the examiner's further consideration.